

Pinal County

Program Year
2010-2011

ARIZONA ADULT EDUCATION



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Education
Services

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*Adult Education
delivers literacy
services to
out-of-school
adults who are
16 years of age
and older and
who are not
enrolled in
K-12 school.*

In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. **Central Arizona College Adult Education** and **Waiting to Excel** are the programs certified to provide adult education throughout Pinal County. The Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services allocated \$287,500 to Pinal County for adult education services for the Program Year 2010-2011.



Pinal County's Adult Education **NEEDS**

Of the approximately 324,218 people living in Pinal County, 74% (238,716) are 18 years old and older. Of that number, 18% (43,204) lack a high school credential. 10% (1,504) of 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school diploma.

3% of individuals 18 years and older (7,492) live in "linguistically isolated" households (*all members of the household 14 years and over have at least some difficulty with English*) households.

Source: American Community Survey 2005-2009

Pinal County Adult Education **DATA**

- 1,317 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 70,392 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$4.00 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$218 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student (*compared to over \$6,000 funding per K-12 student*)
- 65% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 79% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 68% who sought a job found employment
- 84% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 85% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data:** 1,206 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.

In the 2009-2010 program year, Adult Education programs in **Pinal County** received just under \$100,000 in performance based incentive funding to integrate Adult Education and Post-secondary training in the Green Building Technologies field for the residents of Pinal County. Lessons learned from the Pinal County model will be applied in Arizona's current statewide initiative to build Adult Career Pathways in targeted industry sectors.



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education-Adult Education Services
www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed

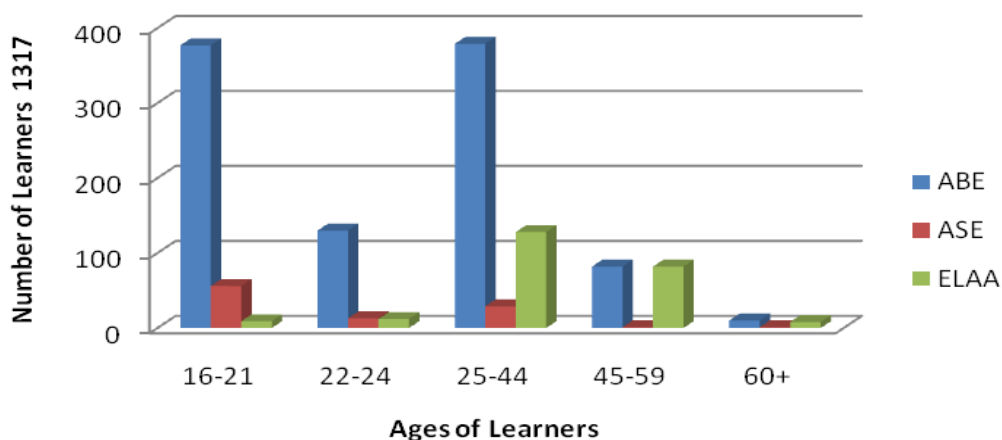
SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in PINAL County

- 51,554 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. Pinal County reported 12,437 public high school (Grades 9-12) students and a dropout rate for grades 7-12 in 2007-2008 of 6%. ADE-AES served 597 people under the age of 25, of whom 74% (442) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 74% of the adults in Pinal County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skills at eighth grade or below.
- 41% of adult learners in Pinal County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 37% of adult learners in Pinal County are employed.
- 18% (43,204) of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Pinal County have less than a high school education. The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy research confirms that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.
- The U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics has determined the 2008 median annual earnings difference between no diploma and a high school credential to be \$8,580. The 1,206 individuals earning a GED® in Pinal County represent a potential increase in taxable income of approximately \$10,347,480 per year.



Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math **SIGNIFICANTLY** increases his/her earning potential & ultimate contributions as a member of the workforce, a family, and the community for a lifetime.

Pinal County Adult Learners



- **ABE = Adult Basic Education** Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8th grade level.
- **ASE = Adult Secondary Education** Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies. May lead to a high school equivalency diploma.
- **ELAA = English Language Acquisition for Adults** Instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers.

EL/Civics – Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education is provided throughout Arizona Adult Education programming.